

Construction of Bridges on Ranchi-Patna National Highway

6893. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of bridges on the Hesagada river on Ranchi-Patna National Highway and on the second river between Mandu-Charhi which was started ten years back is still lying incomplete;

(b) if so, the time by which the construction of these bridges are proposed to be completed; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken against the persons found responsible for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[English]

Repayment of Loans to Japan

6894. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRADSAD SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be state:

(a) the amount to be repaid to Japan during 1992-93 on account of substantial earlier loans;

(b) whether the Government have assured that the repayment of loans would be made in rupees;

(c) if so, the reaction of Japan in this regard; and

(d) the arrangement proposed to be made

in the matter of foreign exchange in future dealings with Japan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) An amount of Yen 16896 million (equivalent of Rs. 348.06 crores) is estimated to be repaid to Japan during the financial year 1992-93.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No change is proposed in the existing arrangement.

Import Duty on Gold

6895. DR. VASANT PAWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment about the quantity of gold likely to be imported and the amount of import duty likely to be realised there from during the current year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). It is difficult to quantify the likely import of gold and duty receipt. The estimate, however, is that 30 to 35 tonnes may be imported in 1992-93 yielding revenue of Rs. 150 crores.

Raising of Funds abroad by 100 per cent Export Oriented Units

6896. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATANAYAK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have allowed the 100 per cent Export Oriented Units to raise funds abroad; and